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In re application of:
Dan Davison

Serial No.: 09/550,451

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For: COMPLEX DATABASE
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following regarding the above-identified patent application:

1. Amendment in response to June 20, 2002 Office Action;
2. Transmittal sheet in duplicate; and
3. Return postcard.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office action mailed June 20, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

In the Specification:

Please replace the Title on page 1, line 1, with the following:

-- METHOD AND STRUCTURE FOR RELATIONALLY REPRESENTING DATABASE
OBJECTS --.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 11-20 and 22 and amend claims 1, 5, and 21 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of creating a relational database so that multiple simultaneous hierarchies can defined without needing dedicated database relationships between objects in the multiple hierarchies, wherein the relational database includes a plurality of objects each having an associated data; said method comprising:

forming a first database table having a plurality of entries, each entry representing an object with an associated data; and